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E.O.: 11652: N/A ARA/EP PASS TO FELANDO IN SAN DIEGO

TAGS: PFOR, EFIS, PLOS, EC, US

SUBJ: SEIZED U.S. VESSELS: INCIDENT ON NEPTUNE

1. INCIDENT ABOARD NEPTUNE IN LA LIBERTAD EARLY MARCH 6 HAS RESULTED IN ENTIRE CREW, WITH EXCEPTION OF TWO WHO WERE ASHORE, BEING FORCEFULLY ARRESTED BY ECUADOREAN NAVY AND TAKEN TO NAVAL BASE.

2. ACCORDING SALINAS NAVAL COMMANDER GALARRA, AT EARLY MORNING CHANGE OF GUARD TWO CREWMEN WERE DRUNK AND ATTACKED GUARDS, WHO FIRED INTO THE AIR. UP TO EIGHT CREWMEN BECAME INVOLVED IN SCUFFLE. GUARDS WERE DISARMED AND FORCED TO GO ASHORE. CREWMEN REFUSED TO ALLOW GUARDS TO RETURN TO BOAT AT ABOUT 10 AM.

3. EMBASSY AND CONGEN OFFICERS ATTEMPTED TO BOARD BOAT ABOUT 10:15 BUT WERE REJECTED BY CREW. AT ABOUT 11:30, TWO ECUADOREAN NAVY OFFICERS AND EIGHT SEAMEN FORCIBLY BOARDED NEPTUNE. DAO SGT. LUIS ROSARIO, WHO BY THEN WAS ABOARD, REPORTS THERE WAS PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AND SOME HEADS WERE KNOCKED. SHOTS WERE FIRED INDISCRIMINATELY FROM BELOW DECKS, APPARENTLY BY NEPTUNE CREWMEMBER. ROSARIO REPORTS HE SAW NO REPEAT NO SHOTS FIRED BY ECUADOREANS. ALL CREWMEMBERS WERE WALKING WHEN THEY CAME ASHORE AND NO SERIOUS INJURIES WERE OBSERVED BY U.S. PERSONNEL PRESENT.

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4. CONGEN DEWITT DEPARTED FOR SALINAS IMMEDIATELY UPON LEARNING OF INCIDENT. ARRIVED AT 12:40. WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR. CONOFF ATTEMPTING TO BOARD NEPTUNE TO SAFEGUARD EQUIPMENT AND POSSESSIONS OF CREW.

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